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CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

Spirit of Northwestern

Dr. Randall J. Webb, 1965, 1966
President, Northwestern State University

Dear Alumni:

As we move into 2011, we can look back on some positive accomplishments for your alma mater during 2010.

We wrapped up the year with Fall Commencement, awarding degrees to a record 1,135 students who graduated in the Summer and Fall semesters. During 2010, the University had 1,955 graduates, the most for one calendar year in Northwestern's 126-year history.

The Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band brought great acclaim to the University beyond its outstanding halftime shows. The band was one of three finalists for the Sudler Trophy, an award to identify and recognize collegiate marching bands of particular excellence that have made outstanding contributions to the American way of life. This year's trophy was awarded to Notre Dame, but it was an outstanding achievement to be considered for this award. I know we will be a strong candidate for this award when it is presented again in two years.

Northwestern was ranked in Tier 1 among Southern regional universities in the latest U.S. News and World Report "Best Colleges" rankings. Northwestern was the only Louisiana institution in Tier 1 among regional universities.

One of the fun things all of us enjoyed following was the appearance of alumnus and faculty member Charlie Penrod on Jeopardy. He was on the show just after Thanksgiving and made us all proud by being a Jeopardy champion.

Our students continue to make us proud by taking an active role with our faculty and staff to improve their community. Last year, Northwestern students volunteered more than 18,000 hours in community service and civic engagement projects that focused on healthcare, K-12 education, mentoring, fitness, multicultural sensitivity, environmental sustainability and services for senior citizens. That commitment to helping others is commendable.

We have been heartened to receive two important gifts to the university. NSU received word of an anonymous pledge of $1 million from a graduate to support Northwestern's academic and athletic programs. Additionally, the generosity of the late Mary Rives Gallaspy will endure through her bequest to the university. Such gifts are an acknowledgement of the outstanding work done here daily. I look forward to an outstanding year in 2011 and being able to share many of our accomplishments with you.

Thank you for all you do to help your alma mater.

William Drake Owens, 2004, 2005
Director of Alumni and Development

My fellow alumni,

We are in the full swing of the spring semester at Northwestern and many exciting events are on the horizon. As many of you know, the Spirit of Northwestern Demon Marching Band is commemorating its 100th anniversary in 2011 and kicked off the celebration by representing the school at the 25th annual New Year's Day Parade in London. The SON will host several alumni events this year, including a special concert in April and a fall reunion. You can read more about the SON centennial in this edition of Alumni Columns.

The Alumni staff is looking forward to hosting the Class of 1961 during spring commencement as these graduates return to campus to receive their 50-year diplomas. Although some classmates may not have seen each other for decades, they are always eager to relate shared memories of people and events from their college days.

We also encourage younger alumni to stay involved with Northwestern. It's easy to keep up to date on campus news and events via Facebook, the Purple Pulse e-newsletter and Twitter.

Please remember to update your information as it changes. If you would like to get more involved, contact us about hosting or participating in recruiting receptions, outreach events or social gatherings in your area.

Northwestern alumni across the country are doing exciting things in their careers and communities. We welcome news from and about our graduates and would love the opportunity to share them.

Thank you for all you do in support of Northwestern. The service and generosity of our alumni and friends are vital to the continued wellbeing of our great university.

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Homecoming 2010

The weekend of receptions and reunions was capped by a great football game.

The 2010 Long Purple Line Inductees were honored during the Homecoming luncheon. From left are retired Judge Peyton Cunningham, BG (Ret) James Bonsall (1953), Sandra Ackerman Martin (1965) and LaMark Carter (2004) with President Randall J. Webb (1965, 1966).

Homecoming King Yaser Elqutub and Queen Amy Dodson were cheered during halftime.

Head Football Coach Bradley Dale Peveto celebrated the Demons' dramatic double overtime victory over Sam Houston State by leading the fight song, along with the Spirit of Northwestern Demon Marching Band.

Winners in the popular Homecoming 5K were, from left, Mary Ruth Corley, Tara Gallien, Steve Rains, Jack Adair, Amy Cross, Elisha Ibanga, Claire Wardell, Pete Wardell and Scott Maggio. Winners not pictured are Heather McDaniel, Gabrielle Gallien, Brittney Taylor, Sherry Henson, Ian Grant, Matt Kubik and LTC Kevin McAllister.

NSU's College of Education and Human Development hosted a reception for the 2010 inductees into the Hall of Distinguished Educators. From left are Brenda Collins, Karl Carpenter, Earl Thomas Haynes, Katie Jean Myers Young and C. Newton Wilkes, congratulated by NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb. The College is already seeking nominations for 2011 inductees. Nominees must have graduated from NSU's College of Education at least 30 years prior to nomination. Inductees will participate in NSU Homecoming activities in the fall. If you know of an outstanding College of Education alumnus who has had a distinguished career in education, send the nominee's resume and/or other documentation outlining the reason for the nomination to NSU College of Education, c/o Faye Megason, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA 71497. Additional information is available by calling Megason at (318) 357-6278 or e-mailing megasonm@nsula.edu. **The deadline for nominations is July 16.**

Mark your calendars and plan to attend spring alumni gatherings in your area

Thursday, March 24 – Lafayette Area Alumni Gathering @ Blue Dog Café, 6-8 p.m.

Friday, March 25 – Baton Rouge Area Alumni Gathering @ The Country Club of Louisiana, 6-8 p.m.

Thursday, April 7 – Shreveport/Bossier Area Alumni Gathering @ Savoie's, 6-8 p.m.

Thursday, April 14 – Dallas/ Ft. Worth Area Alumni Gathering @ The Home of Jill & Dave Morrison, 6-8 p.m.

Saturday, April 16 – Houston Area Alumni Gathering @ Ragin' Cajun on Westheimer, Noon-3 p.m.

April 15-17 – Scholars' College Alumni reunion @ Morrison Hall. For more information go online at www.northwesternalumni.com.

Saturday, April 30 – Atlanta, GA Crawfish Boil @ Duluth Civic Center, Duluth, Ga., 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Guests can register on www.northwesternalumni.com as the date nears and will also receive an invitation in the mail.

Saturday, May 7 – Austin, TX Crawfish Boil @ Westlake Beach on Lake Austin from 11:00am-2:00pm. Guests can register on www.northwesternalumni.com as the date nears and will also receive an invitation in the mail.

Saturday, May 21 – Little Rock, AR Crawfish Boil from 11:00am-2:00pm. The place is still being determined. Guests can register on www.northwesternalumni.com as the date nears and will also receive an invitation in the mail.

Saturday, June 5 – Washington, D.C. Crawfish Boil. Tickets will be available through www.dccrawfish.com beginning in late April or early May.

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* Throughout the fall Shreveport/Bossier Chapter collected items for care packages that were sent to alumni that have been deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan or family of alumni that are serving our country.

The NSU ROTC will present its annual Regimental Ball at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 12 in the NSU Student Union Ballroom.

The event will begin with a social hour from 5-6 p.m. Formal dress is required.

The event will be hosted by the Honorary Colonel of the Northwestern Demon Regiment LTG, USA (Ret) and Mrs. Joseph A. Cosumano, Jr. This year's ball will honor former members of the Black Knights Drill Team.

Celebrating 100 Years – Spirit of Northwestern

Centennial Celebration Schedule

Friday, April 15 - Hanchey Gallery

5-6:30 p.m.	– Check In & Instrument Check Out
6:30-8:30 p.m.	– Social

Saturday, April 16

9-11:30 a.m.	– Alumni Band Rehearsal in Recital Hall
11:30-1:30 p.m.	– Lunch on your own
2-4:30 p.m.	– Alumni Band Rehearsal in Magale Recital Hall
6:30-8:30 p.m.	– Banquet at the Student Union Ballroom
9 p.m.	– Party on Front Street

Sunday, April 17

1 p.m.	– Alumni Band in Magale Recital Hall
2 p.m.	– Concert

Friday, Sept. 30 – Evening Social

Saturday, Oct. 1 – Tailgate, Football Game & Halftime Recognition

For more information or to register by e-mail, contact Dr. Jeff Mathews at mathewsj@nsula.edu. Call (318) 357-5773 to register by phone or visit www.northwesternalumni.com to register online.

You can also keep up with the latest developments becoming a fan of the Spirit of Northwestern Alumni Band on Facebook.

Best Sounding Band in the Land

continues Centennial Celebration

Spirit of Northwestern 1911-2011

The Spirit of Northwestern Demon Marching Band will welcome back former directors and alumni for a Family Day Concert weekend April 15-17. Former directors J. Robert Smith, Jerry Payne, Kenneth Caldwell, Robert Upton and Caroline Beatty have indicated they will return to conduct the Alumni Band that is being formed to present a concert. The event will include rehearsals and socializing and a performance of a new commissioned piece of music to celebrate 100 years of the Demon Band.

A fall reunion is planned in conjunction with the NSU vs. McNeese football game Sept. 30-Oct. 1. Friday events will be announced later this year. The reunion will include recognition of former band members during the football game's halftime show.

Director of Bands Dr. Bill Brent got a hello from a former SON member, Robert Browning (2001), at the London New Year's Day parade. Browning is a percussionist in a military band stationed in Germany.

"We are looking forward to all alumni associated with the band to return and help us celebrate this momentous occasion. We consider color guard members, dance line members and former majorettes an intricate part of the Spirit of Northwestern. We definitely want them to know that they are invited to enjoy the anniversary weekend with us," said Dr. Jeff Mathews, an organizer of the event. "Band alumni are encouraged to bring their instruments and participate in the alumni band that will be performing during the 100th anniversary concert. Mr. Brent will conduct the Alumni Band in the NSU Fight Song to close the concert."

Completed details of the event will be available as they develop by contacting Director of Bands Dr. Bill Brent at brent@nsula.edu, Associate Directors of Bands Kevin Richardson at richardsonk@nsula.edu or Mathews at mathewsj@nsula.edu or by calling (318) 357-4522. You can also become a fan of the Spirit of Northwestern on Facebook and receive e-mails and updates about the band.

Justin McHaffay, Amanda Weaver, Mitch Ernst and Jordan Wahl, from left, performed with the Spirit of Northwestern Demon Marching Band at the New Year's Day Parade in London.

An article in Northwestern's 1911 Potpourri announced the first rehearsal of a school band. Prior to that time, there were several music ensembles on campus, but the 1911 announcement is the first record of a designated student group with uniforms who called themselves a band and were under the direction of Henry W. Stopher. According to the Potpourri, 16 boys attended the first rehearsal. Since 1990, the band has averaged between 275 and 300 members and is the largest spirit group on campus.

"We found programs from concerts presented in 1911 and 1912 and are attempting to play some of the same music during the 100th anniversary concert that the band performed at their very first concert," Mathews said. "We may also offer a lecture on the history of the band."

Mathews encourages all former band members to plan attending the centennial event, including former Demonairs and members of auxiliary units, the Cane River Belles, Demon Dazzlers, flag line and majorettes. He hopes to develop an exhibit of memorabilia to be put on display in the Hanchey Gallery to commemorate the centennial.

The Spirit of Northwestern kicked off its centennial on New Year's Day with an appearance in the 25th annual London New Year's Day parade, an event viewed by millions across Europe, just as the Rose Bowl and Macy's Thanksgiving Day parades are in the U.S.

"We have had a tremendous amount of enthusiasm expressed by our alumni and former band members," Brent said.

Mandi Ridgdell singing patriotic tunes with Victory Belles

Former Lady of the Bracelet Mandi Ridgdell (2008) has a new gig at one of the nation's most popular museums. Ridgdell is one of the Victory Belles, a vocal trio that performs at the Stage Door Canteen, a venue at the National World War II Museum in New Orleans that entertains guests with swing-era style and big band melodies. The Stage Door Canteen features 40s-style music and dance as Ridgdell and her fellow Belles sing in three-part harmonies reminiscent of the Andrews Sisters.

"Since I graduated from NSU so much has happened but nothing holds the honor like that of The Victory Belles," Ridgdell said.

In January 2010, Ridgdell's grandmother handed her a small newspaper clipping announcing auditions at the National World War II Museum. They were seeking three attractive young ladies who could sing and dance and had charismatic personalities.

The Belles appeared on the Saints field for a sound check.

"I received a BS in theater with concentrations in musical theatre, performance/directing, and dance so I couldn't help but run not walk to the museum," Ridgdell said. "I went in for my initial audition and was asked back to a call back. The call back lasted for a few hours. We had to sing a song in three-part harmony as well as a solo. I left the call back feeling great about my performance but it wasn't until a week and a half later that I got the call that would change my life. I became a Victory Belle."

Rehearsals began last February and performances began in March. In addition to their spirited performances at the Stage Door Canteen, the Victory Belles appear at special events around the country.

"Since my first performance with the Belles I've gotten the opportunity to do things I would have never dreamed of," Ridgdell said. "I've traveled around the entire country performing. I've performed in Japan. I've had the honor of performing for the USO. I have even had the privilege of performing the National Anthem at Super Dome for the Saints vs. Steelers game! We've performed for French Quarter Festival and now we are recording a CD for the museum. I have met so many amazing men and women who are still serving as well as the heroes that we call our veterans."

Mandi Ridgdell, center, and her fellow Victory Belles sang the national anthem at the Saints vs. Steelers game.

One chance meeting in particular stands out.

Mandi warmly greeted a veteran after a show in the Stage Door Canteen.

"As we were standing outside of the Stage Door Canteen shaking hands with our audience I met a man and his family. The man was a Northwestern graduate! We talked for the longest time and I even took a 'Fork 'Em' picture with he and his wife. Out of all of the people I have met throughout my time as a Victory Belle this man, along with his family, has to be my favorite," she said.

Northwestern holds many special memories for Ridgdell, including the involvement with the theater department, her Alpha Omicron Pi sisters and the city of Natchitoches itself.

Ridgdell's favorite year at NSU was her reign as Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet in 2008. The year as Miss LOB brought many remarkable opportunities, including singing with the NSU Jazz Orchestra, educating others about her platform, Push America, and representing the university.

"I have never felt so honored to be part of such an outstanding group of women," she said. "Wearing the bracelet was a constant reminder of what high standards our ladies hold themselves to. As the saying goes, 'Any girl can wear a crown, but it takes a lady to wear a bracelet.'"

This photo of Mandi singing "My Heart Belongs to Daddy" to a veteran ran on the front page of a South Carolina paper the morning after The Victory Belles performed there.

Ridgdell is still entertaining crowds and enjoying every minute being part of the Victory Belles.

Museum-goers can check on Victory Belles performance times by going to http://www.nationalww2museum.org/victory/victory-belles.html. Copies of the Victory Belles CD is available at the museum.

School nurse lauded as a hero for saving elementary student's life

Elaine Branch (1977), RN, and a colleague were commended by the Sabine Parish School Board for saving the life of a fourth grade student with a critical medical emergency. As the Negreet School nurse, Branch and a school interventionist colleague responded to a student who hit her head during PE, which triggered a seizure. The nurses worked together to keep the student alive until paramedics arrived.

"It stresses the importance of having a nurse in every school," said Branch, who modestly added that she was "just doing her job." She noted that the school's Automated External Defibrillator (AED) was installed earlier in the school year and the incident prompted parents and other school staff to express interest in CPR training.

Speaking with local media, school principal Gene Wright (1965) praised Branch and the LPN for their efficiency, teamwork and compassion in a critical situation. Branch, who has been school nurse at rural Negreet School for seven years, said she was thankful her emergency care training helped save a student.

"We were in the right place at the right time and our training kicked in," Branch said.

Three of Branch's four children have also attended Northwestern, daughter Melissa Branch Vines, who earned a master's in nursing in 2007, son Harry Branch III, who earned an art degree in 2007, and daughter Stephanie, a current student.

Southerland named NSU President for a Day

Northwestern State University President Dr. Randall J. Webb declared Jan. 18, 2011, as Dr. Tom Paul Southerland Day at NSU in honor of the long-time educator.

Southerland, a Northwestern alumnus, was a dean and vice president at Northwestern for 20 years. He retired in 1986. Southerland and his wife Maxine received the President's Distinguished Service Award in 2003 and were inducted into the NSU Alumni Hall of Distinction, the Long Purple Line, in 2008.

"Dr. Southerland and his wife Maxine served Northwestern admirably for 20 years," said Webb. "Northwestern is a better place for their having served here."

Southerland served as honorary president on his special day and participated in the weekly meeting of the President's Cabinet.

"I appreciate this honor," said Southerland. "I had a great time teaching and serving as an administrator at Northwestern. It is a privilege to be here with the cabinet. I have watched and served with a number of presidents at Northwestern. I respected all of them. And I think Dr. Webb has done an exceptional job as president."

Southerland earned a master's and doctorate at LSU. He came to NSU after serving four years as assistant superintendent for instruction for the Rapides Parish School Board. Southerland was the university's dean of the College of Education from 1966 until 1975 and dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research from 1975 until 1978. In 1978, Southerland was appointed vice president for academic affairs and was named executive vice president in 1982. He was named vice president emeritus in 1987. He is a 2001 inductee in the NSU Hall of Distinguished Educators.

Southerland was instrumental in establishing admissions standards for teacher education and developing 14 new programs for the College of Education as well as securing a specialist and doctorate program. He led the College of Education to full accreditation by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. Under his leadership, NSU constructed the Teacher Education Center, the Middle Lab School and the Health and Human Performance Building.

Dr. Webb honored Dr. Southerland with a plaque marking Dr. Tom Paul Southerland Day.

SPOTLIGHTS

John Manno (1978) of Shreveport was named Citizen of the Year during a March of Dimes benefit last November, recognizing his leadership and personal and professional service to his community and north Louisiana.

According to the March of Dimes, "John has enhanced the business community, benefited charitable organizations and has the respect and esteem of people at home, Shreveport/Bossier and Natchitoches."

Also last year, Manno's business, Southland Printing, was recognized for its global impact and was recognized by the U.S. Department of Commerce with an export achievement certificate for its business in the United States and 48 foreign countries. The company celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2010.

Nathan Wood (1996) was recognized with an outstanding teacher award last year. The former Scholars' College student is an assistant professor of history and director of undergraduate research studies at the University of Kansas and recently published a book, "Becoming Metropolitan: Urban Selfhood and the Making of Modern Cracow." He received a 2010 KU Vice Provost for Research Book Publication Award for his work.

Regarding his teaching, his teaching award gave this citation: Whether teaching a freshman-level modern European history class with more than 100 students or a smaller advanced course on European urban and cultural history, Wood begins his courses the same way. He urges students to study history as if they were Sherlock Holmes and to approach exams as if they were lawyers. With reading assignments and lectures packed with visual images from the times, Wood teaches students to discern what is relevant and important. Wood has been teaching at KU since 2005. Colleagues describe him as having a gift for teaching and employing innovative techniques to foster historical thinking skills. One nominator noted that Wood's objectives and techniques enable students to do better both in history and across the liberal arts and sciences.

Lt. Col. Heyward G. Hutson III of Sackets Harbor, N.Y., was recognized in the Watertown (N.Y.) Daily Times for his service to the Jefferson County, N.Y., Special Tactics and Rescue (STAR) team, a specialized dive team affiliated with the Sackets Harbor Fire Department. Hutson is a former Fort Drum officer who has received numerous awards, including the Bronze Star, for service in Iraq. A West Point graduate, he holds a master's degree in education from Northwestern State University and is serving a one-year national security fellowship at Harvard's JFK School of Government. He was born in Charleston, S.C., but refers to himself as an "Army brat" who is following in the footsteps of his father, also a West Point man who served in Vietnam.

Hutson became a certified diver in 1989 but didn't utilize the skill until moving to Sackets Harbor in 1995 where he wanted to become involved in the community. Hutson said he was required to join the volunteer fire department in order to provide the dive service and attended EMT school while serving as battalion commander at Fort Drum. He has served on dive teams in Louisiana and Kansas.

Following his next assignment, Hutson expects to retire in the Sackets Harbor area, where he met his wife, Julie, whose father is a member of the STAR team. They have four children.

Lt. Col (ret.) James B. (Buck) Trussell (1962, 1974) was part of the 1958 New Mexico Military Institute football team, which was inducted into the NMMI Hall of Fame. The team won the 1958 National Junior College Athletic Association Championship. Trussell served in the U.S. military during the Vietnam War as a helicopter pilot, earning the Bronze Star with V, the Commendation Medal with a V and the Air Medal with 22 oak clusters. He taught ROTC at NSU from 1971-1975.

Ryan Dugas (2000), a graduate of the Fine + Graphic Arts program, gave three informative presentations to the Fine + Graphic Arts students at NSU last fall. He discussed life after NSU and the process of preparing portfolios, seeking job opportunities and the interviewing process. The lectures were well-received by over 60 Fine + Graphic Arts majors.

Ryan Dugas

Dugas is the art director and senior graphic artist for ARGO in Richardson, Texas, a company that creates software and marketing materials for the banking industry. While attending NSU, Ryan was a member of the Spirit of Northwestern Demon Marching Band, ROTC and was a President's List and Dean's List student. He is married and has a five-year-old son.

Marjorie Fontenot was recognized as Educator of the Year by the Lafourche Parish Chamber of Commerce in LaRose last November. At age 80, Fontenot still teaches part-

Crooks inducted into Jena High School Hall of Fame

Rev. Jesse Wayne Crooks (1964) was one of five graduates of Jena High School inducted into the JHS Hall of Fame in October 2010 during an event attended by more than 250 guests. Rev. Crooks was guest speaker for the occasion, during which the Jena Times reported he "stole the show" and received a standing ovation at its conclusion.

During his speech, Rev. Crooks, now 72, talked about the challenges he faced growing up and his years at Jena High School where he graduated with honors and was voted Most Likely to Succeed and Most Popular Boy. He discussed his call to preach and how he "crammed four years of college into just five," working as an associate minister during his junior year. He later attended seminary in New Orleans, where he met his wife, Linda, and they began ministering in the blighted neighborhoods of New Orleans after being appointed by the Home Mission Board to the Coliseum Place Mission and then to the Rachel Sims Mission.

In 1974 they were called to serve as childcare workers with the Baptist Children's Home in North Carolina. After six years, personal family needs led them into secular work, a move into their first "real" home and pursuit of Jesse's call to revive the church.

Today, Rev. Crooks heads the Jesse Crooks Ministries in Thomasville, N.C.

Jesse Wayne Crooks, center, and fellow Jena High School Hall of Fame inductees Carrice Russell Baker, left, and Jennifer Justice Williams Loe, right, were honored during a banquet in October. Crooks, the keynote speaker, engaged the audience with a touching account of his personal history.

time in the business department of the South Central Louisiana Technical College in Thibodaux.

A native of Mamou, Fontenot earned a stenographer diploma in 1964 from the T.H. Harris Vocational –Technical School in Opelousas and worked as a secretary at the school and the Evangeline Parish School Board. Years later, she went back to school at Northwestern State, earning a bachelor's degree in secretarial administration in 1981 and a master's degree in business education in 1983. In 1984, she began teaching in the business department at what was then the Thibodaux Area Technical Institute. She retired in 2001 due to health reasons, but returned on a part-time basis as soon as possible.

Fontenot's nomination letter for the chamber award highlighted her professionalism, dress, manners and courtesy. Students often say she expects much but is among the best teachers they've ever had.

Major General Erbon W. Wise was selected by the city of Sulphur to "flip the switch" during the 2010 Christmas Under the Oaks Celebration's Spectacle of Lights. Wise holds a 1941 degree in agriculture from Northwestern. He is a graduate of the United States Command and General Staff College of Fort Levenworth, Kansas, and he attended the United States War College. He is also a graduate of the Army Finance School at Indianapolis, Ind., where he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Force in 1942. He was awarded in 2004 an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Northwestern.

Megan Sharkey Conerly (2003), a former resident of Ball, was selected as Teacher of the Year at Lake Forest Elementary School in Gainesville, Fla. She is a graduate of Tioga High School and Northwestern State University.

Michelle Craig (1999) has been named a partner in the New Orleans office of the law firm Adams and Reese, a multidisciplinary firm with offices throughout the southern United States.

Craig joined Adams and Reese in 2007 and serves on the Labor and Employment team. In addition to her labor and employment experience, she has practiced in the areas of commercial litigation and products liability. She provides legal counsel for the National Association of African-Americans in Human Resources.

Students and faculty at Curtis Elementary in Bossier City gave Principal **Sherri Pool** a 50th birthday to remember. In January, the school traded their mascot and school colors to become honorary Northwestern State University Demons.

Special guest speaker and motivator at the assembly was NSU Head Football Coach Bradley Peveto, who surprised Pool with an NSU hoodie sweatshirt and an NSU football jersey, complete with the number 50 and her name on the back.

Pool received her Masters plus 30 from Northwestern State University.

CSM seeks donations for children of Afghanistan

CSM Steve Womack is seeking help in brightening the lives of the children he encounters while serving overseas. Womack is serving a tour in Afghanistan and has been touched by local children who surround him anytime he takes a walk. Last fall, he contacted former NSU professor and fellow Rotarian Dr. Bob Gillan for assistance in helping the children he encounters.

"The kids always mob us," he said. "They always ask for pens and pencils for school and for candy. As I spend time with the people of this country, I am continually drawn to the children. They pull at my heartstrings. They are like kids at home, but with so little and a bleak future." Womack was seeking to provide the children with a few luxuries: pens, pencils, hard candy, single size chocolates and sandals.

"I always look at their shoes. They have worn out shoes. When I was in Iraq last time, I gave out sandals. People ask me all the time what I want or can use over here," he said.

Womack said simple and inexpensive slip-on sandals – not flip flops -- from discount stores are a great need for the children.

"I ask for help in this as I want the kids to always remember who gave them a new pair of shoes," he explained. "Others may tell the kids some propaganda, but they will remember the shoes."

Dr. Gillan shared his correspondence with Womack with colleagues in the College of Education and Human Development as well as the NSU Alumni and Development staff, who immediately mobilized alumni, friends and church groups to gather the needed items for shipment to Afghanistan.

"Steve is one of our country's true heroes serving his fourth tour overseas and really lives our motto of 'Service Above Self.'" Gillan said.

"My life is great when I see these kids with absolutely nothing get something that we all take for granted," he said. "Please remember that these kids will always remember Americans. It is what they remember that I am working on."

Womack taught ROTC at NSU for one year and is still pursuing a master's degree from NSU. He will continue to serve in Afghanistan through Fall 2011. "Thank you for your assistance and thank you for helping me make a difference in this world," he said. "You would be surprised how many NSU alumni we have in my unit here in Afghanistan!"

CSM Steven Womack, HHC BDE 4/10, FOB SHANK, APOAE 09364

Serving overseas, father promotes daughter, former Miss NSU

By U.S. Army Sergeant Richard S. Carreon
1-4 Attack Reconnaissance Battalion Public Affairs Office

U.S. Army Captain James Bennett embraced his daughter First Lieutenant Natasha Bennett during a promotion ceremony in Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan.

In the midst of war, Operation Enduring Freedom reunited family last October as U.S. Army Captain James Bennett promoted daughter, Second Lieutenant Natasha Bennett, to First Lieutenant, United States Army at a promotion ceremony in Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan.

First Lieut. Natasha Bennett graduated from Northwestern in December 2007. After receiving her B.S. in biology, the former Miss Northwestern State University 2007 attended U.S. Army Officer Candidate School and earned her commission as a Second Lieutenant. She is currently applying to the Interservice Physician Assistant Program in the military. Her father, stationed out of Ft. Polk deployed to Forward Operating Base Chapman, Afghanistan in February 2010; First Lieut. Natasha Bennett deployed in support of OEF shortly after in July 2010. Capt. Bennett, currently with Provincial Reconstruction Team Khost, was able to pin the rank on his daughter stationed in Kandahar with 1-4 Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 4th Combat Aviation Brigade.

The event has been the first father-daughter promotion in 4th Combat Aviation Brigade history. Capt. Bennett beamed with pride as he promoted his daughter in a combat zone. "No matter the circumstances, you must always support your child," he stated. "I have been granted this once in a lifetime opportunity and I will remember this day for the rest of my life."

MAJ Andy Field ran into two fellow alumni in Iraq last summer and forwarded a picture to the Office of Alumni and Development. They are shown at the Joint Visitors Bureau Dining Facility, Camp Victory, Iraq. From left are CW2 Wade Furniss (1996), Field (1996), and SPC Jacob Mitchell (2009). All three are education graduates. According to Field, who is an instructor in the School of Education at the University of Mississippi, Wade is the band director at Tioga High School and Jacob was band director at Pointe Coupee High School, but plans to return to graduate school upon his return to the States.

Pi Kappa Phi Charter Members Group Hosts Reunion

Recognized with 50-year Golden Legion member presentations were George Cameron, initiated in 1960; Jack McCain, charter year archon, 1956, and Larry Rice, initiated in 1959.

Sandra Folse Tumminello, initiated in 1962, received the 50-year Alpha Sigma Alpha membership during the Pi Kappa Phi luncheon. Natalie Laurence, NSU Greek coordinator, presented the award.

The Roses of Beta Omicron Chapter were recognized at the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity Founders' Lunch. From left are Barbara Dean Cameron, Clois Warner Witt, Kayla Ford, Peggy Kerr Plunkett and Sylvia George Murphy.

A presentation of legacy initiation paddles and pins took place during the Pi Kappa Phi reunion luncheon. From left are Kyle Duhon, warden; Butch York, treasurer; Jon Lee, archon, and Mike Murphy, 1956 charter member.

Founding members of Beta Omicron Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi (1956-1962) held their bi-annual reunion in Natchitoches over the NSU Homecoming weekend. The gathering included a reunion luncheon hosted at Merci Beaucoup Restaurant. Jack McCain, 1956 Beta Omicron charter member, presented '*Golden Legion*' 50-year member certificates to Larry Rice, initiated November 1959, and George Cameron, initiated March 1960.

Natalie Laurence, NSU Greek Coordinator presented Sandra Folse Tumminello, wife of charter member Buck Tumminello, with a 50-year membership certificate. Sandra was initiated into Alpha Sigma Alpha in 1960.

Mike "Mickey" Murphy, and John "Buck" Wheat, 1956 charter members, presented several fraternity pins and pledge paddles of charter members to Beta Omicron Chapter officers as legacy memorabilia.

Doug Ireland, NSU faculty advisor to Pi Kap, along with the chapter officers attended the luncheon as guests and accepted the gifts of the pins and paddles on behalf of Beta Omicron. Doug spoke about the current accomplishments of Beta Omicron Chapter and the exceptional leadership its members are providing, both on the NSU campus and nationally.

In addition, the chapter Roses were also given special recognition. Kayla Ford, this year's 2010 Rose and a current member of Phi Mu, joined the group for this very special occasion.

In the fall of 1956, Phi Kappa Nu, a local fraternity on NSU's campus since 1925, associated with Pi Kappa Phi National Fraternity as Beta Omicron Chapter.

Don Cook, Colonel, U.S. Army retired and also a charter member acted as Master of Ceremonies for the luncheon. The reunion was rated as outstanding-to-excellent by the attending alumni and a good time was had by all.

Bequest will honor alumna's lifetime of service

After a life of educating and serving her community, the legacy of Mary Rives Gallaspy will continue to benefit others through a generous bequest to Northwestern. The donation, which was announced in January, includes property in DeSoto Parish, as well as a monetary bequest that together will create the Mary Rives Gallaspy Charitable Trust administered by the board of directors of the NSU Foundation.

Relatives of the late Mary Rives Gallaspy were present to announce a donation from Gallaspy's estate to the Northwestern State University Foundation. The bequest will create the Mary Rives Gallaspy Charitable Trust and includes a large portion of property in DeSoto Parish. From left are NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb, Kathleen Gallaspy Myers, Dr. Whit Gallaspy, Virginia Gallaspy Garlington and Drake Owens, NSU's director of Alumni and Development.

Income from the trust will fund two scholarships: the Hettie McMullen Fincher Scholarship in Mathematics and the Mary Rives Gallaspy Scholarship for Business and Education. The Fincher scholarship honors Gallaspy's aunt, who graduated from Normal, as NSU was then known, in 1908.

Gallaspy, known for her generosity and involvement in her community, passed away Dec. 10, 2010. She was born in Pelican in 1925 and graduated from Northwestern State College, now NSU, in 1946. She did post-graduate study at the University of Colorado and the University of Arkansas, where she received her master's degree. Several members of Gallaspy's family, many of whom also graduated from Northwestern, were present for the announcement and spoke about her dedication to helping others.

Dr. Whit Gallaspy detailed his family's long relationship with Northwestern and described his cousin as being raised and nurtured around people who lived frugally, worked hard, supported their churches and helped others.

"Among the gifts Mary Rives left to NSU is over 1,000 acres of the most beautiful countryside. Beneath that countryside is the Haynesville Shale," Dr. Gallaspy said. He expressed the hope that in honoring her wishes, the gift would serve to create scholarships and benefit students.

"This gift is not only meaningful, it could be transformational and will likely accrue blessings for this school for years to come," said NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb.

Gallaspy taught business and Louisiana history at Pelican High School from 1945-1971. She served as sponsor of the Future Business Leaders of America, and was actively involved in student activities and fund raising. She was closely involved with her church and community.

She donated a piano and an organ to the church in honor of her parents, John Baker and Lillian McMullen Gallaspy, a 1913 graduate of Normal, and her aunt and uncle, Hettie and Earl Fincher. In addition, she donated property for the expansion of the Pelican Cemetery, and donated several Pelican town lots to the Pelican Baptist and Pelican United Methodist Churches.

In addition to her career as a teacher, Gallaspy was the owner of Rocking G Farms, a cattle and timber business in DeSoto Parish. She established two subdivisions in the Stonewall area, Pelican Place North and The Meadows.

Through the years, Gallaspy was a caregiver to many elderly relatives and friends in her hometown of Pelican.

"None of us have yet realized quite the impact this will have on our institution. Today is the start of a long relationship with the Gallaspy family," said Drake Owens, NSU director of Alumni and Development.

Winner scholarship honors memory of voice teacher

The memory of a vocalist and teacher will be honored through a Northwestern State University scholarship established in her name. The April Gastal Winner Memorial Scholarship in Voice will be presented to a female student majoring in vocal performance in honor of Winner, who died of cancer Sept. 10, 2010, at age 28. The four-year scholarship was established by Winner's relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney B. Evans Jr. of Natchitoches.

Winner's love of music and singing influenced her to earn a bachelor's degree from NSU in 2004 and obtain a master's from McNeese State University in 2007.

Winner's husband, Wayne Winner, also graduated from NSU in 2004 and is band director at Abbeville High School. His aunt, Evelyn Evans, initiated the scholarship to honor Winner's passion for music, her love of teaching and her dedication to teaching music.

To make a contribution in support of the scholarship, contact Jill Bankston, assistant director of Development at NSU, at (318) 357-4241 or e-mail bankstonj@nsula.edu.

Bernard honors sisters and friends through donations

Dale Bernard of Lake Charles has honored his two sisters with a gift of $10,000 to the Northwestern State University Foundation to endow a scholarship to benefit a student pursuing a degree in education. Bernard, who graduated from Northwestern in 1953, established the scholarship to honor his sisters, Melba Bernard Allison of Plano, Texas, and the late Esther Bernard Reed. The donation will be matched with a $1,500 grant from State Farm Insurance.

The recipient must be a Louisiana resident and maintain a GPA of 2.0 or better.

Melba Bernard Allison and the late Esther Bernard Reed both graduated from Normal. Dale Bernard said his oldest sister, Esther, taught him in fourth grade in Iota and gave him an F in conduct. She passed away in 1962. Melba Allison taught at Ida and Vivian. Her husband, Dr. Preston Allison, was head of the English Department at Southeastern Louisiana University. Mrs. Allison is now 90 years old.

Dale Bernard and Athletics Director Greg Burke

Bernard said he wanted the scholarship to go to "an average student."

Bernard also made a contribution towards renovation of the NSU Fieldhouse project, designating $5,000 to honor friends Johnny Emmons and James Turner. The renovated running backs coach's office will be named for Emmons and Turner, who befriended Bernard as students in 1948. He planned to surprise his friends with the donation in their honor.

"These are two guys I've been friends with since college days," Bernard said. "They're my two buddies and we've stayed in touch for 62 years and I take this opportunity to honor them."

Bernard designated $1,000 of the State Farm grant to athletics to be used in the general scholarship fund.

Emmons and Turner were teammates in the same football backfield during their days as Demons under Coach Harry "Rags" Turpin.

Coutee remembers mentors with named professorships

Two former Northwestern professors were honored with endowed professorships established in their names. The Roy G. Clark and Charles H. Wommack Endowed Professorship in Industrial Engineering Technology has been initiated by Juanita and Ellis Coutee of Baton Rouge in appreciation for their positive impact on Mr. Coutee during the two years he was a student worker under their supervision.

Funds provided by Mr. and Mrs. Coutee (1960) to initiate the professorship will be matched with state funds and additional support from ExxonMobil Corp for the $100,000 professorship.

Between 1956 and 1984, Dr. Wommack was an instructor in the Industrial Education department and later a professor and head of the Industrial Technology department. His wife Ruth is an NSU graduate, as are two of their three children.

Ellis and Juanita Coutee of Baton Rouge honored two of Mr. Coutee's mentors by establishing the Roy G. Clark and Charles H. Wommack Endowed Professorship in Industrial Engineering Technology at Northwestern State University of Louisiana. The professorship honors two of Mr. Coutee's mentors at NSU. The families of the honorees and donors met during NSU's Homecoming festivities. From left are Assistant Director of Development Jill Bankston, Assistant to the President Robert Crew, Ford Alexander and Leah Clark of Austin, Texas; Doris Clark Moore and Ray Moore of Huntsville, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Coutee, Ruth, Charles and Ann Wommack of Shreveport and NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb.

Dr. Clark, who had a background in printing and journalism, came to Northwestern in 1952 as an instructor in Industrial Arts assigned to expand the new Graphic Arts division, which taught printing and typesetting and provided printing services for the school. Clark was named director of the News Bureau and Publications and instructor of journalism while Wommack headed the Graphic Arts division. Clark moved to Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas, in 1965 to serve as director of the Communications department and later director of the Journalism department. He passed away in 1987.

Turpin radio booth named for long-time Voice of the Demons

The home radio booth at Northwestern State's Turpin Stadium has been named to honor legendary Natchitoches broadcaster and Northwestern alumnus Norm Fletcher, whose booming voice described NSU sports to radio listeners in five decades.

"The Norm Fletcher NSU Radio Booth" in the press box at Turpin Stadium was formally dedicated before the kickoff of the Demon football team's home opener Sept. 11. Fletcher greeted friends at the Graduate N Club tailgating party and was recognized on the field during the game.

A proud Northwestern alumnus and a lifelong Natchitoches resident, Fletcher has had one of the state's most remarkable broadcast careers since the late 1940s. He began calling Demon games at the age of 18 in 1949 after a knee injury aborted his ambition to pay for his college tuition by playing for Northwestern and his next-door neighbor, head coach Harry "Rags" Turpin. Other than time sandwiched around his service in the 1950s in the Far East with the Armed Forces Radio Service, Fletcher was the "Voice of the Demons until 1979, and again in 1990-91. He is still involved with production work and occasional studio hosting duties with the Demon Sports Network, and hosts two weekly morning radio shows on 100.7 KZBL FM in Natchitoches.

Contributions to the NSU Norm Fletcher Fund provide assistance to student workers in the NSU Athletic Department and Sports Information office, along with benefitting media relations functions. Over $10,000 already has been raised from a small circle of friends, with additional funds being sought. Contributions of any amount can be made by mailing a Norm Fletcher Fund check to the NSU Sports Information Office, Prather Coliseum Room 112, Natchitoches, LA 71497, or by calling 318-357-6467 to use a credit card or make arrangements for a bank draft or payroll deduction. All donors are recognized on a display outside the booth in the press box.

Norm Fletcher, left, shared memorabilia with Athletics Director Greg Burke and current play-by-play announcer Patrick Netherton.

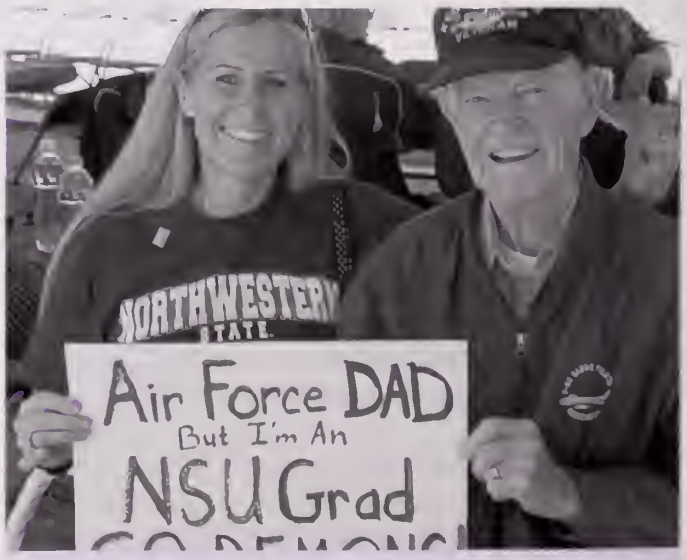
NSU-Air Force game draws out friendly father-daughter rivalry

Diane Scotti Vermaelen (1979) was among the fans who flew to Colorado Springs last September as the NSU Demons took on the Air Force Academy in the season's opening football game. Vermaelen's parents, John and Nellie Dawson, live within view of the Air Force Academy stadium and are season ticket holders.

"My father is a retired fighter pilot from the Air Force. Daddy fought in two wars, Korea and Viet Nam, and is a decorated war hero," Vermaelen said. "I am a graduate of Northwestern and when I heard NSU was playing the Air Force Academy I couldn't pass up the opportunity to fly there to not only be with my father at the game and visit my parents, but to also 'rib' my dad while there."

The night before the game Vermaelen made a sign to carry throughout the day, holding it up during the game and shouting "Go Demons" while surrounded by a sea of blue.

"The Air Force people around us were amazing and got a kick out of my father saying 'Sit down' and 'Who is this young lady next to me'!" Vermaelen said. "Daddy got a kick out of sitting with me in the NSU Alumni tent before the game and was humbled by the Louisiana fans who came up to meet him and to thank him for his service. We were also given a warm reception by NSU President Randall Webb and his wife."



Diane Scotti Vermaelen and Col John W Dawson, USAF Ret., pulled for opposite teams during NSU's contest against Air Force. (Photo by Nellie Dawson)

Tailgate at Southeastern

Thea (1972) and Fred (1971) Gegenheimer enjoyed the hospitality at the NSU-Southeastern tailgate, hosted by NSU Alumni.

Jeff Shideler (1979), Kevin Faulkner (2006) and Peggy Prescott, mother of an NSU football player, were among the guests at the tailgate in Hammond Nov. 6.

Enjoying a pre-game meal were Marci Berger, Charlie Thompson, a Louisiana Scholars' College Student, Lisa Thompson and George Thompson (1983).

Quincy Jackson (2009) and Markenia Boutte (2009) caught up with friends prior to the NSU-SLU game.

Anonymous gift will benefit Athletics and academics

An anonymous alumnus has pledged over $1 million, split between academics and athletics, to support Northwestern State University – the largest gift in the institution's 126-year history.

The $1,070,000 pledge will be made through the donor's estate to the NSU Foundation, which supports academic and other university endeavors, and to the NSU Athletic Association, which supports the university's NCAA Division I intercollegiate sports program. The donation will be designated for scholarships, faculty enhancements and to improve facilities, university officials said.

The pledge is a major boost to Northwestern's "Excellence: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" Capital Campaign. The campaign is ahead of schedule in meeting its goal of $25 million by June 2012.

The pledge is an example of how alumni and friends can help Northwestern, according to Drake Owens, Executive Director of the NSU Foundation.

Northwestern's athletic program has received two six-figure deferred gifts in the past five years.

For information about donating to the NSU Foundation, contact Owens at (318) 357-4414 or at owensd@nsula.edu. To learn how to support the NSU Athletic Association, contact Dr. William Broussard, Associate Director of Athletics and Executive Director of the Demon Victory Fund, at (318) 357-4295 or broussardw@nsula.edu.

Alumni Updates

1943
Dottie Dee Dickerson Galyean is retired and lives in Wichita Falls, Texas.

1948
Blanche Marie Jines Bryan is retired and lives in Columbia. S.C

1955
Dr. Ida Annie Torrans retired from LSU-Shreveport as a professor and lives in Shreveport.

1972
Bessie Louise Brock Barrick is a senior editing analyst for Aflac, married and lives in Phenix City, Ala.

Charles "Randy" Gentz is the president/CEO of QTS Logistics, married and lives in Las Vegas, Nev.

1976
Rosemary McIntyre Bazor is retired, married and lives in Elgin, Okla.

1983
Gregory James Doucet is a self employed attorney in the law offices of Gregory J. Doucet (APLC) and lives in Opelousas.

1983
Kimberly A. Crawford Florich is a professor and department head for Louisiana Community and Technical College System. She is married and lives in Leesville

1986
Linda Joyce Tisino Jett is employed by Rapides Parish School Board as a transition specialist and lives in Pineville

1993
Holly Christine Gauthier is director of marketing for Preis & Roy and lives in Lafayette.

1994
Stacey Anne Warren Ferguson is the principal at Turnbow Elementary, married and lives in West Fork, Ark.

Donald W. Horton is employed by Kimberly Clark as an electrical engineer and lives in Fairhope, Ala.

1996
Cynthia Iris Owens Logan is a homemaker, married and lives in Fort Worth, Texas.

1998
Sara E. Farrell Palazzo is employed by Louisiana Workforce Commission as an ORS specialist 1, married to Anthony Palazzo ('98) and lives in Monroe.

1999
Kendrick L. VanBuren is a Louisiana state trooper, married and lives in Pineville.

2001
Casey Rae Hollimon Bowles is employed by Richardson I.S.D. as the director of junior high school theatre arts magnet She started the theatre arts magnet five years ago and over 300 students have graduated from the program. It is the only one of its type in the school district. She is married and lives in Dallas.

Anitra Shenell Moses is a volunteer coordinator for Casa of Central Louisiana-Natchitoches and lives in Natchitoches.

2002
Melissa Marie Zande Schindler is a primary care diabetes sales representative for Sciele Pharmaceutical Company, married and lives in Fort Worth, Texas.

2006
Robert B. Ramagos is employed Jefferson Davis Police Jury as a justice of the peace, married and lives in Welsh.

Sharita Lavette Spears Price is employed by Louisiana State Penitentiary as a corrections master sergeant, married and lives in St. Francisville.

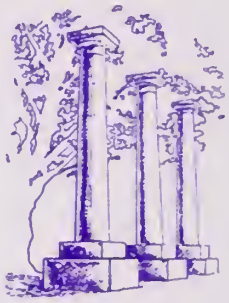
2007
Laura Elizabeth King Lewis is employed as a investigator with Children's Protective Services, married and lives in Lubbock, Texas.

Jamie Elizabeth Webb is a reporter, paginator and copy editor for the Livingston Parish News and lives in Baton Rouge.

Stephanie Lynn Verzwyvelt is employed by Walt Disney World as a merchantainment and lives in Clermont, Fla

2009
Brittany LeAnn Litton Ebey is a stay-at-home-mom, married to Jason E. Ebey ('08) and lives in League City, Texas.

2010
Paul Eugene Shelton was admitted to Tulane Law School, class of 2013 and named scholarship advisor to LSU Chapter Advisory Board for Theta Chi Fraternity. He lives in New Orleans.



In Memory

1940 – Era Dowden Burch, Dec. 5, 2010, DeRidder

1941 – Melba Irene Pennington Bray, Aug. 20, 2010, Many

1942 – Sidney Gremillion Allen, Nov. 15, 2010, Minden

1946 – Dr. John M. Hopper, May 21, 2010, Baton Rouge

Mary Rives Gallaspy, Dec. 10, 2010, Shreveport

1947 – Tom L. Bambrick, Houston, Texas, September 3, 2010

1948 – Virginia Paul Kay, July 29, 2010, Lake Charles

Joseph H. Pierson Sr., Dec. 19, 2010, Natchitoches

1956 – Sarah Teal, Aug. 26, 2010 - Many

1958 – Dr. Edward Anders, Dec. 26, 2010, Natchitoches

1959 – Andrew Lee "Petie" Moore Jr., Nov. 24, 2010, Benton

1965 – Marathon Glenn Hawkins, Many, October 1, 2009

1974 – Edward Dale Thibodeaux, Sept. 8, 2010, Haughton

1988 – Lauranne Suzanne Hatcher, Oct. 15, 2010, Monroe

1990 – John Eric Rees, Dec. 3, 2010, McKinney, Texas

2004 – April Gastal Winner, Sept. 10, 2010, Abbeville

Jacqueline Bogan Gordon

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Why I Love NSU

I am the third generation in my family to attend NSU and in many ways still feel like I am coming home when I return to campus. My grandmother attended in the 1920s, my mom in the 1940s-1950s, and my time was the 1970s. I love the town and the people there. Regardless of where in the world life takes me, I feel I will always have friends in Natchitoches and at NSU. I spent most of my time in Varnado Hall, Room 302 East (co-ed during my time) and met my bride in a summer class in 1975. The activities, the teachers, and the spirit of Northwestern has shaped my life in many very positive ways.

I love NSU enough that I was extremely proud that our son Matthew became the fourth generation at NSU in 2002 when he chose Louisiana Scholars' College. One reason he chose NSU was while other schools were ready to accept him, the folks at NSU and LSC really made him feel they wanted him to come to NSU.

Why do I love NSU? Well, like in lots of relationships, NSU loved me and my family first.

David Burroughs
Haughton

Social networks make keeping in touch easier than ever

The Alumni Association now has an official fan page on **Facebook**. The page is Northwestern State University Alumni Association Official Page and provides frequent updates on what's happening with Northwestern alumni as Fans tell us what's going on in their lives.

NSU is also offering a new option that allows users to link their alumni community account with their Facebook profile. Every time you visit the NSU Alumni Community, you'll be able to just use your Facebook login and have one less password to remember. Plus, when you register for an event, make a donation, or post a class note on www.northwesternalumni.com, you can choose to publish that information in your Facebook News Feed.

1. Go to www.northwesternalumni.com and click Login
2. Click the "Connect With Facebook" button on the Login page
3. Enter your Facebook login information and click the "Connect" button
4. Enter your NSU Alumni Community login information and click the "Login" button

Never logged into the community before? Click on "First Time Login" in the upper right hand corner of your screen. Then, follow these three easy steps:

1. Enter your last name and hit Submit
2. Select your name from the list shown
3. Enter your Constituent ID

Facebook users can also become fans of the official Northwestern State University Facebook page, the Spirit of Northwestern Alumni Band page and the Northwestern State Athletic Association page.

The College of Science, Technology and Business also has a new Facebook page, as does the School of Business. "Like" them and get specific information on what's going on with each.

You can also follow alumni news on **Twitter** @ nsulaalumni.

Foursquare users can find the NSU campus and many of our buildings on Foursquare. Foursquare is a location-based social networking site and game. Users can "check-in" using a mobile phone and get points and/or badges each time they check in.

Check out the video, "A Day in the Life at Northwestern State University: on youtube.com. Go to http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I2V_Pknfzlc or search youtube.com for A Day in the Life at Northwestern State University. There, you will also find links to other NSU videos posted by friends and fans.

Looking back

As the Spirit of Northwestern celebrates its centennial, we look back to September 1991 when the Demon marching band put on a super show in the Superdome providing pregame and half-time entertainment at a New Orleans Saints game. After a "Back to the Future" pregame show, the SON presented a tribute to America in a stunning patriotic show that featured student vocalist and then-reigning Lady of the Bracelet Patty Breckenridge singing "God Bless America" for more than 68,000 football fans. After the Saints' victory over the Rams, many band members joined the celebration in the French Quarter.

Guess Who?

Winners from the Fall 2010 issue:
Paul Bush-1963
Beth Hayes- 1962, 1972
William Muse- 1960
Kevin Lynch- 1961

Answers to Fall 2010 Guess Who
1960 senior class officers were John Pickett, Gerald Paul, Addie Huckabay and Eugene Scott.

At one time, the Associated Men Students was a campus group whose goal was to promote, in co-operation with the administration, the general welfare of the men living in residence halls on the NSC campus. In 1964, the organization was in its eighth year and sponsored by Hal Townsend. Its membership was composed of male students who lived in the residence halls on campus. Each member must maintain a "C" average. Can you name the officers from 1964? The first five alumni to call the Alumni Center at (318) 357-4414 with the correct answers will win a prize.

Alumni Updates

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Please fill this page out as completely as possible. We are constantly revising our records and your information updates are vital to making the system work. The information from this form is also used for entries in the "Alumni Updates" section. Please make a copy of this page and give it to any NSU graduate who may not be on our list. We can't keep in touch with you if we can't find you! Thank you.

Date_____

Name: (Miss, Mrs. Mr.)_____
Please Circle Last First Middle Maiden

Current address:_____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

Phone:_____ E-Mail:_____

NSU undergraduate degree(s):_____ Year of graduation:_____

NSU graduate degree(s):_____ Year of graduation:_____

During which years did you attend NSU?_____

Which organizations were you involved in while a student at NSU?_____

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_____

Place of employment _____

Job title:_____ Work phone:_____

Spouse's name:_____

Is your spouse an NSU graduate? ____Yes ____ No

If yes, what degree(s) did he / she earn?

Spouse's undergraduate degree (s) _____ Year of graduation_____

Spouse's graduate degree (s) _____ Year of graduation_____

Do you have children who are potential Northwestern students?
Please tell us their names, contact information, and what high school they attend.

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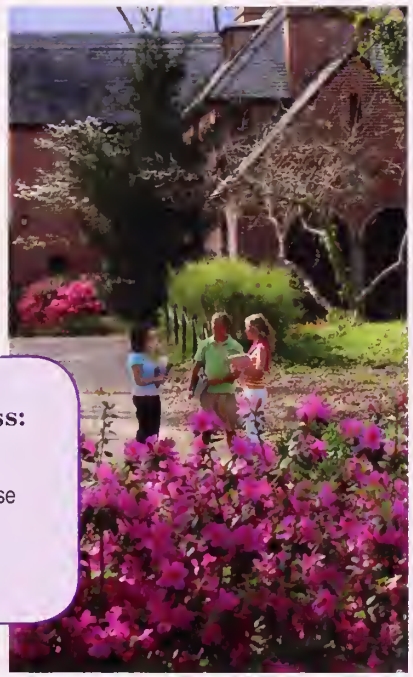

If you would like information from Admissions, Financial Aid or the NSU Athletic Association, you can contact them at the following address:

University Recruiting
South Hall
Natchitoches, LA 71497
(318) 357-4503 or 800-327-1903
www.nsula.edu/enrollmentservices/recruiting

Financial Aid
Room 109, Roy Hall
Natchitoches, LA 71497
(318) 357-5961
www.nsula.edu/financialaid

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Date	Opponent	Time
9/3	vs. HENDERSON STATE	6:00
9/10	NSU @ LSU–Baton Rouge	TBA
9/17	NSU @ SMU–Dallas, TX	TBA
9/24	NSU @ Nicholls*–Thibodaux	TBA
10/1	vs. MCNEESE STATE*	6:00
10/8	NSU @ Lamar*–Beaumont, TX	TBA
10/15	vs. SOUTHEASTERN LA.* (HOMECOMING)	6:00
10/22	Open	
10/29	@ Texas State*–San Marcos, TX	TBA
11/05	vs. CENTRAL ARKANSAS*	6:00
11/12	@ Sam Houston State* –Huntsville, TX	TBA
11/19	vs. STEPHEN F. AUSTIN*	2:00

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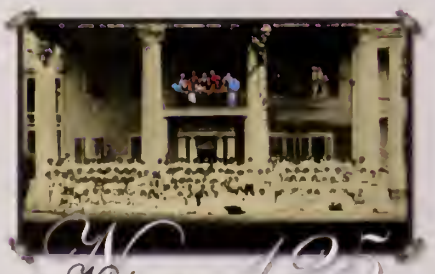

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